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▼ MERLIN'S BEARD! //

Quidditch, anyone? Take the family to Universal Orlando's new feature. "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter." To celebrate its opening. the park's resorts even Muggles will appreciate: four nights' stay at Loews Portofino Bay, Hard Rock Hotel or Loews



Royal Pacific; three days' admission to Universal Studios and Island of Adventure: an express pass: and, of course, early access to the Harry Potter attraction. The deal starts May 28 and costs \$1.548 for a family of four. universalorlando com



A TOUCH OF CLASS // The Glenmere Mansion picks up where the country manors of old money Vanderbilts and Rockefellers left off. The former weekend home of a turn-of-the-century New York socialite, this classic 18 suite playpenrecently featured in Architectural Digest-has been lovingly rebuilt and impeccably decorated with statuary hailing from Spain and China and includes gardens, a spa, a pool and stunning views of the Catskills. Don't forget your dinner jacket, alenmeremansion com

▼ MARKET REPORT

Chicago's Randolph Street Market kicks off its seventh season this month. It consists of the Chicago Antique, Fancy Foods and Indie Designer emporia, plus the Vinyl Swap Meet and Global Goods Bazaar. To start the season, the antique market will offer a free appraisal, so bring a tchotchke and cash it in for new duds or a gourmet snack, randolphstreetmarket com



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ALIFORNIA // Billed as the American Tour de France, the 750-mile Amgen Tour takes place in phases from Nevada City to Bakersfield. Catch Lance Armstrong pedaling along-that is, if you can. amgentourofcalifornia.com

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NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS / Sip bubbly by the beach at the prestigious Nantucket Wine Festival, which is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Veuve Clicquot's first vintage champagne.



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AMSTERDAM // During the Holland Festival, celebrate music, art, dance and theater with an avant-garde slant at venues around the city.



BUDAPEST // Hoof it to the National Gallop, a celebration of historic equestrian arts that includes races and battle reenactments. vagta.hu